

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, October 6, 2004, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Michael Eckert, JoAnne Kissel, Dennis Scheer, Gordon Scholz and Scott Sullivan present. Third World Oforah and Kim Todd absent.

Others: Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

Mr. Scheer called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Notes of August 4, 2004 and September 1, 2004

Ms. Kissel moved approval of the August 4, 2004 and September 1, 2004 meeting notes, seconded by Mr. Eckert. Eckert, Kissel, Scheer, Scholz and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Oforah and Todd absent.

Amendments to Lincoln Municipal Code 4.36 "Urban Design Committee" to incorporate new duties for Neighborhood Design Standards appeal process.

Ed Zimmer stated the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Design Standards were reviewed at a previous meeting and noted that the changes will be brought to the Planning Commission for their vote on Wednesday, October 13th. The new standards would shift the appeal body from the Historic Preservation Commission to the Urban Design Committee as well as increase the waiver authority of the Planning Director. The rationale of changing the appeal body is that the Urban Design Committee has a broader scope which is well beyond the historic preservation district. It was also an opportunity to increase the agenda items for this Committee.

Three areas of code would have to be changed. They tried to have the standards responsive to their surroundings, partly because they are trying to deal with broader areas. The key part is that the Committee would need to enable the underlying ordinance to consider appeals.

Mr. Scholz moved to approve the modified language to the Neighborhood Design Standards as well as the changes to the ordinance, seconded by Kissel. Eckert, Kissel, Scheer, Scholz and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Oforah and Todd absent.

Misc.

Mr. Zimmer stated that they are continuing to work on the Antelope Valley Design Standards.

Upcoming items

Mr. Zimmer stated that there may be further discussions regarding the sidewalk café at the Green Gateau.

The meeting concluded at 3:31 p.m.